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the length of 6 inches in this room, here we saw passages leading in every direction innumerable. We took an immense oven leading to our right. It kept getting smaller all the time until we had to crawl flat at about 100 feet from the Chamber of Firest. We had to crawl about six or eight feet only until we come out into a nice little room, perhaps 20 feet in diameter and very irregular. there we saw a large passage leading to the left and also a large one leading to the right. Chasing the passage that led to the right I told my companion to wait until I saw whether it would prove to explore or not. I first went on a divide to the right and then down to the left. Here I found 5 or 6 small passages leading downward, these I determined to explore. Joe Duhmich joined me at this moment & helped me explore the passages. We found that they all came together in a small hole leading down. Here Joe call Mr Huff & Elmer and they brought the string. We all went down the hole and came into pretty room about 30 or 40 feet in diameter, nearly round and about 8 or 10 feet in height. We found a great many passages leading from this room but they were all too small to encourage traveling in. After having more difficulty than we expected to have, we all got up through the small hole in safety. Here Mr Huff & Elmer left Joe & I and went towards the entrance, while Joe & I determined to explore more. At the very spot that our party divided Joe found a room leading to the South East the East with mind coming out of it went through it & found a very large room. I left my companion & started to explore it alone not getting out of hearing of Joe because